

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of June 10, 2004.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,607,946

Claims 1 through 6 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 6 of U.S. Patent 6,607,946. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

In summary, Applicants submit that claims 1 through 6 are clearly allowable.

Applicants request entry of this amendment for the following reasons:

The amendment is timely filed.

The amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

The amendment does not require any further search or consideration.

Applicants request the entry of this amendment, the allowance of claims 1 through 6, and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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